



## Rory John Strachota

July 12, 1963 - August 17, 2025

Rory John Strachota, age 62 of Hopkins, MN passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 17, 2025. Rory was a lifelong resident of Hopkins and the owner of Deakyne's True Value Hardware in Minnetonka. His greatest love was his daughter Courtney, with whom he shared his passions for the MN Vikings, fishing, hunting and spending time at the family cabin in Grand Rapids, MN. Through Rory's business and many organizations that he was a part of he touched the lives of many people within the communities he lived and worked. His personality was larger than life and he put the "extra" in "extrovert". Rory is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Marlene Strachota. Survived by Daughter Courtney Strachota, brother Jay Strachota (Karen), sister Renee Rachel (Bobby) and dog Charlie. A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 11:00 AM at the Hopkins American Legion, 10 12th Ave S Hopkins. A luncheon at the Legion will follow immediately after.

# Tribute Wall

AS

“Rory was part of what has made our neighborhood so wonderful for so many years.

*Each year in early spring he'd tap the sugar maples in many of the yards on our block, then deliver maple syrup in his own jars to everyone in the neighborhood.*

*I always enjoyed talking with him when he and Charlie were on a walk around the neighborhood. They were quite the pair!*

*And, as we both had daughters just a few years apart growing up, I saw how proud he was of Courtney all through the years and loved our conversations bragging on our daughters. He was such a great Girl-Dad. My heart goes out to Courtney.*

*He will be missed.*

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**ALAN SCHUTTE** - August 26, 2025 at 09:34 AM

DO

“I met Rory through the Jaycees. So many memories between meetings, conventions, Camp Friendship. He had a way of making everyone feel welcome. He often went out of his way to make sure people who needed help getting to a convention had a ride. His humor was legendary. He was certainly a very special and unique person. ❤️

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**Della Oyen** - August 25, 2025 at 10:11 PM

LA

“ Laura A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rory John Strachota.

Laura A. - August 25, 2025 at 08:23 PM

DP

“ Rory and I had many memorable experiences together throughout high school. He had a huge heart to help others and a zest for life he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Here's the Rory I'm going to remember 😂



Dane Paulsen - August 25, 2025 at 03:33 PM

FF

“ Filkins Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rory John Strachota.



Filkins Family - August 25, 2025 at 03:30 PM

TL

“ The Hagan ladies purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rory John Strachota.



The Hagan ladies - August 25, 2025 at 02:16 PM

MK

“ *Condolences to your family. Rory's hard work ethic will leave a lasting legacy for those that worked along side of him. The hardware store industry lost a good one! Let us know if there is anything we can do to help.*

*Mike Kokesh & Mark Schaefer - Gopher Ace Hardware*

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**Michael Kokesh** - August 25, 2025 at 11:29 AM

LS

“ *I am so sorry to read about Rory's passing. I had a handyman business. I frequently ran into problems that were unsolvable, at least by me. Rory's vast knowledge of all things hardware was invaluable to me. Rory took a real interest in my problems and treated them as though they were his own and with good cheer. Louie and I will miss him.*

*Lloyd Scott & Louie*

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**Lloyd Scott** - August 24, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rory John Strachota.*



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August 24, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rory John Strachota.*



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August 23, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *My hair has always had a mind of its own, some days good most bad. It has always been an open joke with my Jaycee friends. It was customary for him to sneak up on me to mess it up. Sometimes hours into whatever we were doing, and I would turn around and he would give me that Rory smile. He seemed to be able to smile with his eyes. Lisa, Courtney and the rest of his family I am so sorry for your loss, he was a good man that will never be forgotten. Rory, I totally expect you to wreck my funeral hair.*

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**Pam Klug-Scherping** - August 23, 2025 at 01:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rory John Strachota.*



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August 22, 2025 at 07:50 PM

CK

“ I met Rory the night I joined the Faribault Jaycees back in 1991. He always remembered I was the 99th member. Rory was a good friend and mentor to those he met. Hopkin Jaycees always had a winter fest of some sort. If you wore jeans they would be cut into shorts. Rory was in charge of the scissors at the door (with his deep chuckle) of threatening. He always warned me what would happen. I wore jeans and he started his speech only to find I wore shorts under them. We had a good laugh over it. My deepest sympathy to all his family of this great loss. Prayers and love to all.

Cindy Keogh - August 22, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rory John Strachota.

August 22, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ "Sending You an Angel" Statue Candle Holder with LED Candle to Express Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rory John Strachota.



August 22, 2025 at 06:39 PM

KW

“ *The Region VI JCI Senate extends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Rory Strachota, Minnesota Senator #59819. Rory’s dedication, friendship, and spirit will be fondly remembered by all of us. You are in our prayers during this difficult time.*

*Kris Wilke  
Region VI JCI Senate Chaplain*

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**Kris Wilke** - August 22, 2025 at 05:59 PM

DO

“ *Rory was a friend to many of us who knew him through the Jaycees. His enthusiasm for life was infectious! He often went out of his way to include others in his activities! At Camp Friendship, at conventions!*

*I can hear God chuckling 🤔  
Rest well until we meet again!  
I have missed*

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**Della Oyen** - August 22, 2025 at 04:22 PM